



COMMISSIONER  
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To: All LTC Providers

Subject: Information Letter No. 11-49  
**Maximization of Federal Matching Funds Prior to June 30, 2011, Expiration of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) - LTC Provider Billing Opportunity Deadline**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) expires effective June 30, 2011. ARRA is an economic stimulus bill enacted by Congress in February 2009. ARRA provisions included additional funding for supplements to social welfare programs.

To maximize the amount of funds the state can claim at the enhanced ARRA rate, providers are encouraged to **bill as often as necessary** to ensure that claims for any services provided but not yet billed are received as required **in time for the State Comptroller to pay these claims by June 30, 2011.**

Claims processed through the Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) should be submitted in time to be received at TMHP no later than **noon Monday, June 27, 2011.**

Claims processed through the Client Assignment and Registration (CARE) system should be submitted no later than **noon Friday, June 24, 2011.**

Note: Providers should submit any admissions, discharges, Minimum Data Set (MDS) Assessments, Medical Necessity and Level of Care (MN/LOC) Assessments, etc. on a timely basis to ensure claims reflect actual information based on the data submitted.

For questions about this information letter:

- Nursing Facility, Hospice, ICF/MR, Home and Community-Based Service, and Texas Home Living Providers – Contact the Provider Claims Services Help Desk at 512/438-2200, Option 1.
- Community Care Providers – Contact your regional contract manager.

Sincerely,

*[signature on file]*

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